

# The Book Of Mormon And Joseph Smith, Jr.

## The Book Of Mormon

### A. Contradicts Doctrine and Covenants

1. "Behold, David and Solomon truly had many wives and concubines, which thing was abominable before me, saith the Lord," Jacob 2:24. In contrast to this, we read in *Doc. & Cov.* 132:1 that David and Solomon were justified because of polygamy! Which reference is wrong?

### B. Refutes Mormon Doctrine

1. The Father, Son and Holy Ghost are ONE God, not three (Alma 11:44b; Mormon 7:7; 2 Nephi 31:21b and the last sentence in *Testimony of Three Witnesses*).

2. God is unchanging, not changing (Moroni 7:22; 8:18; Mormon 9:9,19; 3 Nephi 24:6).

3. God is NOT flesh and bones, but instead a spirit (Alma 31:15; 22:9-11; 18:24-28). Remember, Jesus said a spirit does *not* have flesh and bones (Lk. 24:39).

### C. Condemns Joseph Smith for polygamy

1. See Jacob 1:15; 2:23,24,27,31; 3:5; Mosiah 11:2-4; Ether 10:5,7.

### D. Contains a false prophecy

1. "And thus prophesied Joseph, saying: Behold, that seer will the Lord bless; and they that seek to destroy him shall be confounded ..." (2 Nephi 3:14).

COMMENT: Smith's enemies were not confounded but successful when they desired to destroy him on June 27, 1844 in Carthage, Illinois!

### E. Refuted by Anthropology

1. The Smithsonian Institution's Dept. Of Anthropology declares the Americas did NOT have steel or horses *before* 1492! *The Book of Mormon* (BOM) (600 B.C. to 421 A.D.) claims each.

a. Steel (1 Nephi 4:9).

b. Horses (Alma 18:9).

2. Gordon H. Fraser, anthropologist and ethnologist, agrees with the Smithsonian Institution and adds that copper (Mosiah

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### A. False prophet (Deut. 18:21,22)

1. On Feb. 14, 1835 he said, "... go forth to prune the vineyard for the last time, or the coming of the lord, which was nigh even fifty-six years should wind up the scene" (*History of the Church*, Vol. 2, p. 182).

"On the 14th of Feb. 1835, Joseph Smith uaid [said] that God had revealed to him that the coming of Christ would be within 56 years, which added to 1835 shows that before 1891 and the 14th of Feb. the Savior of the world would make his appearance again upon the earth and the winding up scene take place" (*Journal of Oliver Boardman Huntington*, Vol. 2, pp. 128,129).

2. Said the moon's inhabitants were of uniform height (about 6 ft. tall), dressed like Quakers and lived nearly 1,000 years (*Journal of Oliver B. Huntington*, Vol. 3, p. 166 of typed copy at Utah State Historical Society and The Young Woman's Journal, pub. by the Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Associations of Zion, 1892, Vol. 3, pp. 263,264.)

3. Referring to Oliver Granger we read, "... his name shall be had in sacred remembrance from generation to generation, forever and ever, saith the Lord" (*Doc. & Cov.* 117:12.). *Why* have most Mormons never heard of Oliver Granger?

4. On April 17, 1838, Joseph prophesied that David W. Patten would perform a mission for him the next Spring (*Doc. & Cov.* 114:1). However, David Patten died before Spring came! See *History of the Church*, Vol. 3, p. 171, 10-25-38.

### B. Preached "another gospel" (Gal. 1:8,9)

1. Smith's gospel included water baptism (*Doc. & Cov.* 39:6). The Apostle Paul *excluded* baptism from the Gospel, 1 Cor. 1:17. See also Acts 10 where Cornelius and others were saved *before* water baptism.

2. Smith, said "Nevertheless, he that repents and does the commandments of the Lord shall be forgiven," *Doc. & Cov.* 1:32. 2 Nephi 25:23b also says, "... for we know that it is by grace that we are saved, *after all we can do.*" The Bible does say we must repent (Lk. 13:3; Acts 17:30; 20:21). James 2 teaches that a living faith

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8:10) was unknown at that early date as referred to in the BOM!

## **F. Allegedly contains the fullness of the everlasting Gospel (Doc. & Cov. 27:5), but doesn't mention the following**

1. God the Mother, men can become gods, God is an exalted man, marriage for eternity, baptism for the dead, etc.

COMMENT: According to *Doc. & Cov.* 128:17, baptism for the dead is the “most glorious of all subjects belonging to the everlasting gospel.” However, it’s not even mentioned!

## **G. Wrongly labeled the “most correct book” (History of the Church, Vol. 4, p. 461)**

1. Had 3,913 changes from the original 1830 edition!

a. The 1830 edition calls Smith the “author and proprietor.”

## **H. Claims itself to be UNtrustworthy**

1. May have erred (1 Nephi 19:6), wrote from memory (Ether 5:1), wrote to the best of *their* knowledge (Jacob 7:26; Mormon 9:32), wrote as a result of *human* command (Mormon 8:1; Jacob 1:2), wrote what they considered precious (Jacob 1:2) and implies imperfection in their record (Mormon 9:32,33).

COMMENT: Unlike the BOM, the Bible claims itself to be the inspired Word of God. See 2 Tim. 3:16,17; 2 Pet. 1:21.

## **I. Three witnesses for the Book of Mormon**

1. Martin Harris

a. Claimed he visited the moon (*The Story of the Mormons*, New York, 1902, p. 35).

b. Called “wicked” (*Doc. & Cov.* 3:12,13; 10:6,7).

2. Oliver Cowdery

a. Was a thief (Letter quoted in Senate Document 189, Feb. 15, 1841, pp. 6-9).

b. Attempted counterfeiter (*A History of the Latter-day Saints in Northern Missouri From 1836 to 1839*, p. 146).

3. David Whitmer

a. Said in the Spring of 1838 the heads of the church and many of the members had gone deep into *error* and *blindness* (*An Address to all Believers in Christ*, by David Whitmer, 1887, pp. 27,28).

b. Was likened unto a “dumb ass” by Joseph Smith (*History of the Church*, Vol. 3, p. 228).

4. All three apostatized (*Journal of Discourses*, Vol. 7, pp. 114,115).

Friend, to become a Christian, go directly to God in sincere prayer asking for mercy because of your sins (Lk. 18:13). Know that Christ bought our salvation with His own blood (Isa. 53:6; Col. 1:14; Eph. 2:13). Repent and place all 100% of your *trust* in Jesus for your salvation (Acts 20:21; 16:30,31; Jn. 6:47; etc.) as you submit to Him (Lk. 9:23-26). Baptism, good works and church membership play no role in our salvation (Eph. 2:8,9; Titus 3:5; Rom. 11:6). “We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first” (Heb. 3:14). Study your Bible and only the Bible to learn about salvation.

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(one that will save) will have works with it, as opposed to a *dead* faith which doesn’t. Nonetheless, it’s still our faith (or trust) in Christ that will save us from Hell. See Acts 10:43; 13:38,39; 1 Cor 15:17 and Jn. 6:47. Finally, Rom. 2:7 states, “To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life.”

3. Smith said, “Abraham received concubines, and they bore him children; and it was accounted unto him for righteousness ...” (*Doc. & Cov.* 132:37). In contrast, Paul, James and Moses all said that Abraham became righteous because he believed God! See Gal. 3:6; Rom. 4:3; James 2:23 and Gen. 15:6. Who will you believe?

## **C. Violated the Word of Wisdom (Doc. & Cov. 89)**

1. Drank wine (*History of the Church*, Vol. 2, p. 369; Vol. 6, p. 616) and beer (*Millennial Star*, Vol. 23, p. 720).

## **D. Contradicted the Book of Mormon (Moroni 8:18)**

1. “We have imagined and supposed that God was God from all eternity, I will refute that idea, and take away the veil, so that you may see” (*Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, compiled by Joseph Fielding Smith, p. 345).

## **E. Was proud and boastful**

1. “I have more to boast of than ever any man had. I am the only man that has ever been able to keep a whole church together since the days of Adam. A large majority of the whole have stood by me. Neither Paul, John, Peter nor Jesus ever did it. I boast that no man ever did such a work as I. The followers of Jesus ran away from Him; but the Latter-day Saints never ran away from me yet” (*History of the Church*, Vol. 6, pp. 408, 409). COMMENT: “God resisteth the proud” (1 Pet. 5:5).

## **F. Claims he saw God the Father (Joseph Smith 2:17)**

1. His experience is refuted by 1 Tim. 6:16; Jn. 5:37 and 1 Jn. 4:20. Did you know that Satan can produce visions to deceive? See 2 Cor. 11:14, 15 and Jer. 14:14.

## **G. Practiced divination (Deut. 18:9-14)**

1. The *Book of Mormon* was translated this way by the “seer stone” (*An Address To All Believers In Christ*, by David Whitmer, p. 12).

## **H. Falsely said, “I am going like a lamb to the slaughter” (Doc. & Cov. 135:4)**

1. Smith killed at least two before he was shot to death (*History of the Church*, Vol. 7, pp. 100-103). A martyr doesn’t offer resistance! See Stephen’s death, Acts 7:54-60.

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